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This is a response to the letter filed July 20, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of January 23, 2001.

The filing date of this application is January 22, 2001. If counsel believes that the application is entitled to a different filing date, entitlement to the different filing date must be established by way of a petition, e.g., a petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) or (d).

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination Division with the presently accorded filing date of January 22, 2001.

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